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# EMD Disaster Update

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### **Blunt Asks To Add 23 Counties to Declaration**

Friday, Governor Blunt requested adding 23 counties to the Individual Assistance Disaster Declaration. Those counties are: Bates, Benton, Carroll, Cass, Chariton, Howard, Iron, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Mississippi, Montgomery, Morgan, New Madrid, Putnam, St. Clair, Scott, Stone, Taney, Vernon, Webster and Wright to the Individual Assistance Declaration. Based on the damage assessment information collected from the SEMA/FEMA Damage Assessment teams, Blunt may request additional counties to be added to the Disaster Declarations.

### **Citizens Must Call 1-800-621-FEMA For Federal Assistance**

On Thursday, March 16, a Presidential Disaster Declaration was approved for nine counties for Individual Assistance and seven counties for Public Assistance. Individuals in the declared counties are urged to call the FEMA Assistance hotline: **1-800-621-3362 (1-800-621-FEMA) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY)** between the hours of 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., seven days a week.

### **Joint SEMA/FEMA Assessment Teams Continue to Collect Information**

**Based on the information received from local counties,** joint Damage Assessment Teams continue collecting information from local Governments. The teams rely on information, maps, and expertise provided by local governments to conduct information.

**Damage Assessments completed:** in 42 counties: Bates, Benton, Butler, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Christian, Cooper, Dunklin, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Iron, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, New Madrid, Newton, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Putnam, Randolph, Ray, St Clair, Ste Genevieve, Saline, Scott, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Vernon, Webster, and Wright.

### **Local Tornado Damage Information is STILL Being Collected**

Please submit severe weather damages information to the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) as soon as possible. This information helps SEMA schedule meetings with County officials.

### **Missouri Tornado Disaster Assistance 866-254-0140 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**

As of March 17, the call center has received 219 calls from citizens including 126 for assistance, 52 offering donations, and 32 individuals wanting to volunteer.

## **DNR Posts Disaster and Debris Waiver Information**

The Department of Natural Resources lists information for counties on disaster waivers and fact sheets. The link is: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/disaster.htm>

## **Guide to Public Assistance (Emergency and Debris Removal)**

A Guide to the Federal Disaster Assistance "Public Assistance Program" has been posted to the SEMA website. This guide outlines eligible applicants, eligible work, the application process, project requirement, and A Q&A section. The link is: <http://www.fema.gov/rrr/pa/overview.shtm>

**REMEMBER:** Many private debris management companies will be seeking disaster-related work in local communities. Some of them may claim FEMA authorized them to remove debris from local areas. Local and County governments must follow bidding practices.

## **Help After the Storm, A Guide to Individual & Household Programs**

"Help After the Storm, A Federal Guide to Individual and Household Program" has been posted to the SEMA website. This guide will help local governments answer questions from citizens concerning disaster assistance. The link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/chuck1.pdf>

## **Farm Service Administration Can Help Farmers/Producers**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) **Farm Services Offices** can help rural farmers/producers through an Emergency Conservation Services program. Farmers/producers are urged to contact their county FSA offices to report damages and seek assistance. **EMDs can call the FSA offices in Columbia at 573-876-0932 for more information.** Here is the link to USDA's disaster assistance program on the SEMA homepage: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/emloan.htm>

## **Volunteer Organizations Activities**

**Debris Removal for Special Needs (Elderly, disabled etc) Citizens:** AmeriCorps have teams in Perry, Ste. Genevieve, and Hickory. The Southern Baptist response teams have teams in Randolph, Ste. Genevieve, New Madrid, Christian and Webster Counties. The Mennonite Disaster Services have teams in Monroe, Madison, Pettis, and Randolph counties.

**Multi-Agency Resource Centers:** staffed by American Red Cross and local volunteer organizations are located in: Cedar, Christian, Lawrence, Monroe, Morgan (2), Perry, Pettis, Randolph and Saline Counties. The Red Cross is operating 14 field outreach teams in Bates, Cedar, Dunklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Newton, Randolph, St Clair and Scott Counties.

**Crisis Response Teams of the National Organization for Victim Assistance (MO-NOVA-CRT)** are working in Christian, Hickory, Lawrence, and Webster Counties. These teams provide psychological first aid and crisis intervention services.

**Mass Feeding Operations:** Over 6000 meals have been served. Stationary Mass feeding operations are located in Cedar, Lawrence, Monroe (2), Perry and Webster Counties. Mobile Mass Feeding Operations are being conducted in Christian (3), Greene, Lawrence, Monroe, Morgan, Perry, Pettis, Randolph and Webster Counties.

**Shelters:** are open in Christian, Lawrence, Monroe and Pettis Counties.

**Distribution Centers:** are located in Cedar (2), Christian (3), Green, Hickory, Lawrence and Pettis Counties.